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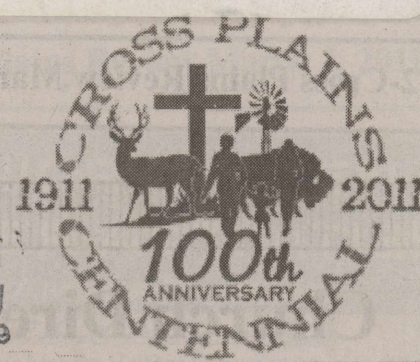
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KIWANIS "SOPHOMORE OF THE YEAR" AWARD TO KATHERINE GOODE

This year's winner from Cross Plains High School sophomores who completed applications for the yearly Kiwanis "Sophomore Of The Year" Award is **Katharine Goode**. She will be given a certificate at the school's awards ceremony at the end of this school year, then a check for \$100 to the college/university of her choice upon enrollment following graduation from CPHS.

Applications for this scholarship are open in the Fall of each year to all the year's sophomores who will take the time and make the effort to apply. We encourage their parents and teachers to help motivate them to do so.

The Kiwanis Club of Cross Plains takes this opportunity to congratulate Katherine, and also thank you to the others who made application. It is always very difficult to make a choice between the good applications and the deserving applicants, and the Club would like to be able to give each and every one of them the award. We are thankful we can do this small thing for at least one of the soon-to-be seniors, however.

Submitted by
Bob Pipes
Past President

Cottonwood Musical this Friday Evening

Come out to Cottonwood this Friday to hear some of the area's best musicians. As always the admission is FREE!

The musical is in the Cottonwood Community Center, located just off FM 880 north of Cross Plains.

The doors open at 5 p.m. and

music begins at 5:30 p.m. Note the earlier start time.

Chili beans and cornbread, sandwiches, sodas, iced tea, coffee, water and dessert will be available.

Proceeds are used for maintaining the Cottonwood Community Center.

No New Filings in the Local Elections at this Time

Jack Shepard, Evan Goode, Jr. and Lynn Porter have announced their candidacy for the Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees.

The 3-year terms of Donnie Dillard and Bryan Bennett are expiring.

You may file at the superintendent's office at the local high school during their regular hours.

The city council seats of Lewis Fortune and Peg Terrell are expiring. At this time incumbents Peg Terrell and Lewis Fortune, David Mendieta and Randy Strickland have filed for the two 2-year terms.

You may file your application at the City Hall during their regular hours of 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

If you are interested in serving your community in either capacity, the last day to file for the elections is March 14, 2011.



AND THE WINNERS ARE —

(left to right) Kandy Jones, Susan McNeel, Vanda Anderson, Rolan Jones and Margaret McNeel (seated). This team has bragging rights as the most knowledgeable people about Cross Plains.

Old-Fashioned Picnic and Trivia Contest "A BIG SUCCESS"

On Saturday evening, the Cross Plains Public Library celebrated the centennial with an old-fashioned picnic and trivia contest. Contestants and audience members were greeted by members of the library board and were able to peruse the displays in the lobby before entering the buffet line.

A large new collage showing pictures from the past was displayed and will be traveling to each centennial celebration.

The Centennial Committee had T-shirts available for sale and donated all proceeds to the library. The Cross Plains, Pioneer and Cottonwood quilting clubs displayed and sold tickets for their Centennial sampler quilt.

Once inside the dining area, everyone enjoyed chicken, baked beans, potato salad, biscuits and drinks while being serenaded by the Centennial Singers. Tables were gaily decorated with red and

blue gingham tablecloths set with Mason jar centerpieces full of wildflowers. At each setting was a placemat sporting 12 multiple-choice questions about Cross Plains so everyone could test their knowledge and warm up for the contest. Home-made apple pie and ice cream topped off the meal.

Library Board President Wilma Lawrence welcomed everyone and thanked the singers for their wonderful entertainment. Vice-president Bob Childress gave thanks for the meal and those present.

Judy Luter went over the rules for the trivia contest and the games began. Nine teams of five members each answered 15 questions in 15 minutes for each of the three rounds. After each round ended, the answer sheets were collected. While the answers were being scored, Luter reviewed each question and its

possible answers for that round and then gave the correct answer.

Once the scores were posted for each team, the next round began. After the final round's questions and answers were reviewed, the final scores were revealed and the team of Margaret McNeel, Susan McNeel, Rolan Jones, Kandy Jones and Vanda Anderson were declared the winners. They each received double their money back (\$30 each). Over \$1,300 was raised for your library.

The Library Board would like to thank First Baptist Church for the use of their facility, the Centennial Singers for their upbeat entertainment, the Centennial Committee for the T-shirt proceeds, the teams for taking a chance with us and the audience for their support. We would like to make a trivia contest an annual event, so your feedback is appreciated!

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CROSS PLAINS LITTLE LEAGUE MEETING

Monday, March 7th at 7:00 pm

First Baptist Church Family Life Center

Baseball and Softball Projects Officer Elections

If you would like to have input into the future of Cross Plains Little League, you need to attend this meeting!!!

Ag Booster Meeting

Thursday, March 3rd 6:00 P.M.

Cross Plains High School Ag Bldg.

If you have a child in FFA or Jr. FFA, please attend this meeting!

Sheriff John Windham Issues Appeal to Citizens in Fight Against Crime

Responding to the increased number of citizens wanting to assist law enforcement officials and build a stronger partnership in the fight against crime, Sheriff John Windham today announced that Callahan County Citizens are being invited to become Associate Members of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas.

Membership invitations will go out in the mail over the next several weeks. Associate Member funding allows the Sheriffs' Association of Texas to provide critical training, technical resources, and legislative support on key criminal justice issues to law enforcement officers across the state.

In addition, dues will be used to support crime prevention and awareness programs, promote public safety, fight drug abuse, provide additional training for sheriffs and their deputies, and provide scholarships for children of law enforcement officers.

Contributions to the Sheriffs' Association of Texas are tax-deductible.

"The Associate Membership Drive helps provide the funding which is vital to our mission of making our communities safer places to live, work and play," said Sheriff Windham.

The Associate Membership Program was created to provide citizens with an opportunity to lend their support to more

effective law enforcement and to better help local Sheriffs protect the lives and property of citizens.

"During these economic times, the need for building stronger public-private law enforcement partnerships continues to grow in importance," said Sheriff Windham. "I encourage every citizen receiving a membership appeal to consider joining forces with us by becoming an Associate Member. It is a valuable investment in our future."

Citizens not receiving a membership appeal or desiring more information can contact the Sheriffs' Association of Texas at: 1601 S. IH-35, Austin, Texas 78741. www.txsheriffs.org.

Founded in 1874, the Sheriffs' Association of Texas is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit professional and educational organization dedicated to the preservation of peace and the protection of the lives and property of the citizens of Texas. Mr. Steve M. Westbrook serves as the Executive Director. Headquarters are located in Austin, Texas. The Sheriffs' Association of Texas **does not** make solicitations by telephone. If you receive a phone call from someone who uses the Sheriffs' Association of Texas name, please report it to your local Sheriff or County/District Attorney.

Farm Service Agency has resources to help livestock producers who suffered winter losses

Baird, TX - February 25, 2011—Robert Frost, Executive Director for the Callahan County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA), announced that permanent disaster assistance programs created in the 2008 Farm Bill allow FSA to offer relief to producers affected by adverse weather.

The winter months brought much snow, ice and frigid temperatures across the state causing livestock and forage losses.

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides livestock producers with benefits for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality caused by adverse weather. The Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm Raised Fish Program (ELAP) provides emergency assistance to producers of livestock, honeybees, and farm-raised fish that have losses due to disease, adverse weather or other conditions, including blizzards and wildfires. For livestock producers, ELAP assistance may be available for feed losses due to a major weather event. ELAP benefits paid are based on FSA's calculation of

the value of feed lost compared to the feed needs of the livestock during the disaster period. Producers should document any additional costs associated with transporting feed to livestock.

"Many farmers and ranchers have faced a rough winter, and they need to know FSA has programs that offer relief when they need it most," said Frost. "For LIP benefits, producers should document the number and kind of livestock that died due to the winter storms and notify our office as soon as possible," he said.

To meet eligibility requirements under LIP, producers must file a notice of loss within 30 days from when the loss is apparent to the producer. It is also important that the verification of death loss is verified by an unrelated third party.

Another disaster assistance program available to livestock producers is the Livestock Forage Program (LFP) which provides financial assistance to producers who suffer grazing losses due to drought or fire. LFP requires that producers obtain a policy or plan of

insurance for the grazed forage crop under the Federal Crop Insurance Act (FCIA) or file the required paperwork and pay the administrative fee by the applicable state application closing date for the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP).

"Although we don't often think of drought and snow in the same context, it is very possible that both weather conditions are occurring at the same time and LFP is available to help alleviate the financial strain caused by drought," said Frost.

Frost stressed that applications received for any of the livestock disaster assistance programs are considered on a case-by-case basis and producers should be prepared to provide required information to determine eligibility and applicable benefits. Producers who have questions regarding livestock disaster assistance program eligibility and the application process should contact the Callahan County FSA office at (325) 854-1049 ext 2 or visit www.fsa.usda.gov.

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COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

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 Morning Worship.....11:00 AM
 Evening Service.....6:00 PM
 Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time.....7:00 PM

David Braun, Pastor
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 Sunday Morning Worship....11:00 am
 Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Prayer Service....7:00 p.m.

Music Director: Barbara Jo Medley

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OBITUARIES

Joseph Isaiah Sifuentes

Joseph Isaiah Sifuentes was born Tuesday, February 22, 2011. He weighed 3 pounds and 12 ounces and was 16 inches in length. He went to be with his heavenly father on February 22, 2011.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, February 24, 2011 at Mount Marion Cemetery in Strawn under the direction of Edwards Funeral Home of Strawn. Mike McGinn of Rising Star and Deacon Casteneda of Ranger officiated the service.

Survivors include his parents, Raymond Joseph and Kimberly Nicole (Ashley) Sifuentes of Cross Plains; grandparents, Marliou Sifuentes of Cross Plains and Mike and Dianna Matthews of Abilene; great-grandparents Dolores Sifuentes of Fort Worth and Glenda Grissom of Rising Star; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Although we are very sad that you are no longer here, That no one could hold you or see you smile. The Lord took you because you were needed elsewhere.

Our little angel, Joseph Isaiah Sifuentes, you're safe in Heaven now. We will always love you son.

By Raymond Sifuentes

Ones Augustus Ross IV

Ones Augustus Ross IV, 51, of North Richland Hills, died Thursday, February 17, 2011 in a traffic accident in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Funeral services were under the direction of Shannon Rufe Snow Funeral Home in North Richland Hills. Graveside service was held at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 22, 2011 in Hope Cemetery in Henrietta with arrangements made through Davis Funeral Home in Henrietta.

Oney was born August 9, 1959 in Henrietta to Ones and Naomi Ross. He was an Eagle Scout and a 1977 graduate of Richland High School. He also attended Tarrant County College.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents and father, Ones A. Ross III.

Survivors include his mother, Naomi Ross Weaver and her husband H.D. of Cottonwood; his sister, Julie Newman and husband Jimmy of Justin; nieces, Kate and Emily; nephews, Charlie, Thomas and Trey; and his fiance, Celeste Bailey, and her children, Sonja and Oliver.

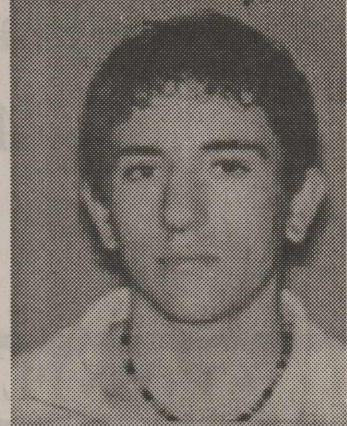
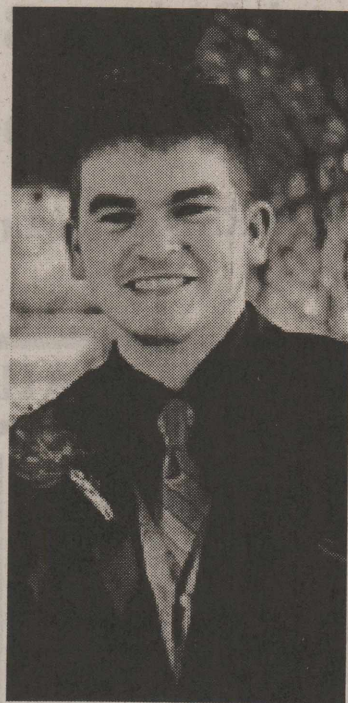
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Abilene Goes Blonde Legally Blonde the Musical

Legally Blonde will debut at the Abilene Civic Center in Abilene on April 3, 2011. Tickets go on sale March 4th.

In its first year on Broadway, LEGALLY BLONDE THE MUSICAL, earned seven 2007 Tony Award nominations, ten 2007 Drama Desk Award Nominations and a 2007 Outer Critic Circle Award. It was also ranked in the top ten list of the most requested Ticketmaster "Arts & Theatre Events" for 2007. It received three 2009 Touring Broadway Awards in



BILLY JOE MOORE
Billy Joe Moore

Billy Joe Moore, 24, of Clyde died Saturday February 26, 2011 at his home. Graveside services will be 2:00 p.m. Wednesday March 2, 2011 in the Clyde Cemetery under the direction of Bailey Howard Funeral Home.

Billy was born January 6, 1987 in Abilene, Texas to Robert "Bob" J. & Juanita (Lopez) Moore. He was a lifelong resident of Clyde, attending Clyde schools and graduating from James Madison High School. Billy was a welder.

Billy is survived by his parents Robert "Bob" and Juanita Moore of Clyde; one son, Payton Michael Duke Moore; twin daughters, Cecily Jordan and Cadence Alexis Moore; wife Bethany Clark of Abilene; two brothers, Robert Moore Jr. of Clyde and Richard Drew of Abilene; two sisters, Rhonda Sessions of Clyde and Lisa Tucker of Grand Prairie; nephew and nieces Dalton Remington, Andrew and Rebecca Ross and Richie Drew; and best friend, Justin Rogers of Abilene.

He was preceded in death by his brother Ronnie Drew.

Online condolences may be made at www.baileyhowardfuneralhome.com

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Ronnie B. White, Pastor

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TURKEY CREEK RODEO CLUB

By RUSS MILLER

The Turkey Creek Rodeo Club (TCRC) held its monthly meeting this past Thursday evening and proposed a very active schedule of events for this upcoming year. There will be a "workday" beginning at 9:00 am on Saturday, March 26th. General cleanup of the grounds including hauling away of the scrap from some of the recent renovations.

There are six "Play Days" scheduled beginning in April and being held monthly through September. The Play Days are open to all children under 18 years of age...non-members are welcome to participate along with members. Events will include barrels, poles, flags, and even sack races for the kids. The Play Days are a great way for the kids and their parents to participate and have fun. There will be a Play Days Awards Banquet in October.

There will also be a special Centennial Event in May which will include a Ranch Rodeo to be followed by an outdoor dance at the Rodeo Grounds Park. There will be additional Ranch Rodeos, Dances, Ranch Horse Competitions, a Ranch Horse Clinic and Bull Riding throughout the year and the TCRC will be participating once again in the Barbarian Festival with Pony Rides.

Donations of fencing materials are still needed to allow for the expansion of the rodeo arena: sucker rods, 2 3/8", and 2 7/8" pipe, and 4' x 8' interior wall paneling are all needed. Call Bo or Sarah Buchanan at 254-725-4469 if you can help out.

So, mark your calendars for April 16th for the first TCRC Play Day and don't miss out on the fun of participating or spectating.

COTTONWOOD NEWS

BEVERLY BROWN

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group went out on two calls on Sunday. We're so fortunate to have firemen and equipment right here in our community. With it as dry and windy as it is, please be careful outside. And, if you spot smoke, call it into the sheriff's department of Fire Chief Joe.

Coyotes have been spotted in and around Cottonwood in the daytime. Please keep a watch out on your small dogs and cats.

This Friday night is Musical Night here in Cottonwood. The music starts at 5:30 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. Come out and visit with your friends and neighbors and enjoy some good live music.

As always, the musical is free. Chili beans and cornbread, sandwiches, pie, coffee, iced tea and soft drinks will be available in the kitchen. Proceeds from the kitchen go toward the upkeep of the Community Center.

If you'd like to help out with the musical, we sure could use your help! If you'd like to make some sandwiches or a pie or other dessert, please give me a call. We can also use help serving the musical and cleaning up afterwards. My telephone number is 254-725-7369.

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group will be at the musical with their Thunder Creek Trail quilt. Stop by and see the

quilt and get your tickets. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.00.

There's another musical coming up in April, too—on the 8th of April—that's the second Friday night. We'll have lots of music and something good in the kitchen, too.

The Cottonwood Historical Association's Annual Meeting is set for Saturday, May 7. We always start off with coffee and visiting at 9 a.m. Then the meeting at 10 a.m., followed by lunch. Make plans now for the meeting. Lots of Cottonwood folks come in from out-of-town for the day's events.

Cross Plains Girls Softball Registration

Just a reminder...softball registration officially ends this Friday, March 4, 2011. Late applications may be accepted as long as there is space available. Once a team is full, girls may be placed on a temporary waiting list or may be moved up to the next age level. Dues will be accepted until March 21, 2011. Try-outs are this Saturday, March 5, 2011 as follows: 8 and under, which is coach pitch, (9-10 am), 10 and under (10:30-12:00 pm), 12 and under (1:00- 2:15pm), and 15 and under (2:30-3:45pm). Try-outs will be held at the Cross Plains Girls High School field. Late sign-ups will be accepted at try-outs. Everyone who has signed up to play needs to come to the try-outs. For more information please call Amy McCready (254) 725-4658.

Drug Lab Busted by the Callahan County Sheriff's Office

On February 14, 2011, at approximately 9:30 p.m., Sheriff John Windham received a phone call reporting a strong smell of ether coming from a residence located at 4949 PR 5272, Clyde, TX. Ether is a crucial ingredient in manufacturing the street drug called methamphetamine, "meth."

After arriving at the residence, Sheriff Windham, noticing the smell, asked one of the residents to step outside. The subject, Cynthia E. Smith, was detained and an interview was initiated on sight by Sheriff Windham, while Deputy Mike Marlow secured the residence. Chief Deputy Keith Collom arrived shortly after and

completed the interview. Enough information was obtained to file for and receive a Search Warrant at approximately 12:30 a.m., on February 15, 2011.

Immediately the Search Warrant was executed. Inside the residence, a lab was located for "cooking" methamphetamine. Four grams of methamphetamine finished product, prepared for packaging, was located. At that time, Cynthia Smith, was arrested, charged with a First Degree Felony, Manufacturing/Delivery of a Controlled Substance over Four Grams, and placed in the Callahan County Jail.

Celebrate Recovery Every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Cross Plains Main Street Pool House

Tearing Down The Walls Tour coming to Clyde

All For 1 Ministries has announced that the TEARING DOWN THE WALLS TOUR featuring Seventh Day Slumber with special guest Stellar Kart and Kiro will perform in Clyde on Saturday, May 14th at 7PM in the Clyde High School Naoma Huff Performing Arts Center.

Seventh Day Slumber is a DOVE award winning band who spend a large amount of time out on the road playing at large concert festivals as well as smaller venues like Clyde. All For 1 Ministries is partnering with several churches in Clyde to make the event happen.

All For 1 founders Billy and Tracy Deel say they are excited about the opportunity to help bring a positive event to the community and could not do it without help from the local churches and community involvement.

Tickets are \$10 each or for group purchases of 10 or more tickets are \$8 each. All tickets will be \$15 at the door. Tickets are now on sale at First Baptist Church Clyde, First United Methodist Church in Clyde, and Mardel Christian Supply in Abilene. For more information you can call 325-893-2232

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Cross Plains Area Genealogy Society meets at the Library every first and third Mondays at 1:00 p.m.

Centennial Corner

Deadline is fast approaching to get your pictures and memories submitted to the Barbarian Festival Committee for their Centennial Book—next opportunity for scanning is this Thursday, March 3, Senior Center from 5-7 p.m.

Eat a hamburger and help the Seniors; share a memory and help the Barbarian Book!!!!

Those who get the paper on Wednesday might remind those who don't get it until Thursday afternoon.

The cost of living has changed rather dramatically over the years. In 1917, the Crystal Cafe offered a cheap date with their 25 cents meal, a 16 oz. can of Baking Powder was also 25 cents and Higginbotham's advertised a "new scientifically designed corset for \$1.25-\$5.00 with all sizes being available, from tall slender to large stout."

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SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER ACTIVITIES:

BY AMBER THOMAS

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday, 7th—Movie Monday 10:00am Cokes and Popcorn, Computer Classes
Tuesday, 8th—10:00am Mexican Train Dominoes, 11:00am Exercise Class and Computer Classes, **THE BROWN BAG CHECKUP 10:00AM**
Wednesday, 9th—Blood Pressure Checks by Girling 10:30-11:30 am and Computer Classes
Thursday, 10th—Exercise Classes 11:00am and Computer Class
Friday, 11th—Bingo 10:00 am

NEEDS OF THE SENIOR CENTER: Items for Silent Auction

Cheeseburger Supper and Silent Auction

Thursday, March 3rd 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Come share your favorite memories of Cross Plains with the Barbarian Committee, they plan to print a book to celebrate the C.P. Centennial! Entertainment starts at 6:15 p.m.

Health Fair March 2 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Do you or your loved ones take multiple medications?

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Tuesday, March 8th 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center

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For more information Call the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center site manager Amber Thomas

The Brown Bag Medication Checkup is a public service provided by Walgreens Pharmacy and the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center.

The Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center will be offering basic computer classes - **Generations On-Line**. Sign up with a peer coach for one on one learning. The classes are free and are held at the Senior Citizens Center. Stop being intimidated by computers! We can help with basic computer instruction. Call Vivian at 254-725-6521 and make an appointment today.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

MARCH 7 - MARCH 11

MONDAY- Lasagna, Salad, Fruit, Bread/Dessert/Drink
TUESDAY- BBQ Chicken, Beans, Coleslaw, Bread/Dessert/Drink
WEDNESDAY - Beef Taco Salad, w/lett., tom., onions, cheese, Chips, Fruit, Dessert/Drink
THURSDAY- Chicken Strips, Potatoes, Mixed Greens, Bread/Dessert/Drink
FRIDAY- Tuna Salad Sand., Tomatoes, pickles, Fruit, Dessert/Drink

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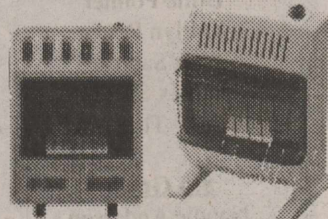
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By Charles Chesshir
Cross Plains Church of Christ

Change

Even concrete and granite are changed by time. Most change is uncomfortable and resisted. If we desire to change, we find it hard to do and sometimes even impossible.

Things like aging and health can be ignored for a time but the inevitable is coming. Depression is a common emotional disorder of those who refuse or cannot accept the changes which we are powerless to stop. But there is always Good News. Life actually can change in positive ways.

Positive changes always begin inside us. Worry, fear and grudges are a part of our human nature. External circumstances and events reinforce these negative emotions and make conscious change difficult or impossible. The task of forgiving a wrong is often a cliff we can't climb.

In order for us to forgive wrong in others, we must accept, internally, God's gift of forgiveness which comes only through Jesus. Forgiveness is natural for the person who has been forgiven. By faith we know we are forgiven and in turn are transformed into a forgiving ambassador. And the change is wonderful! Life begins again as a new creation.

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Sunday Morning Bible Class...9:45a.m. Sunday Evening

Study...7:00p.m.

Cross Plains Powerlifting Team Competes at Strawn

Traveling to Strawn on Friday, February 25th, the boys Cross Plains Powerlifting team competed. Taking home one 2nd place, a 3rd place and a 4th place medal as well as one additional top 6 finish, the boys team was 7th overall out of 37 teams. The Cross Plains boys team was yet again the top 1A team of the competition.

These young athletes did an

excellent job representing Cross Plains High School. Notable accomplishments at this meet include the triple bodyweight deadlift of 325 lbs. completed by Michael Ramsey, the 540 lb. squat completed by Austin Thomas and the 335 lb. deadlift completed by Colton McWilliams. Dakota Bomar broke the 900 lb. total barrier and just missed a 425 lb. deadlift. Jeff

King posted the highest bench press of the year for our school with 275 lbs.

Four of our boy's team members to include Austin Thomas (Jr.), Jeff King (So.), Michael Ramsey (Fr.) and Colton McWilliams (Fr.) have qualified for the regional meet to be held in Sundown on Saturday, March 12, 2011.

Submitted by Coach Ellerbe

Name	Place	Wt.	Class	Squat	Bench Press	Deadlift	Total
Michael Ramsey	2	114		290	145	325	760
Austin Thomas	3	220		540	265	460	1265
Colton McWilliams	4	123		280	105	335	720
Jeff King	6	242		455	275	425	1155
Dakota Bomar	15	165		335	165	405	905

Cross Plains Elementary "A" Honor Roll 4th - 6 Weeks

1st Grade

Torie Forbus
Kashlyn Hunter
Kiley Morgan
Jolena Spelbring
Callie Sutton
Addison Webb

2nd Grade

Caley Box
Morgan Buchanan
Lanye Ellis
Jordan Hampton
Hannah King
Kolby McKinney
Madilynn Shepard

3rd Grade

Katelynn Parker
Alexis Thompson
Trent Tollett

4th Grade

Jacy Bien
Hanna Fortune
Sealeigh Ramsey
Jackilann Shepard

5th Grade

Brittany Crouch
Madilyn Ellerbe
Katy Jo Morgan
Kayla Stoudemire
Larson Walker

6th Grade

Mackenzie Byrd
Hannah Cowan
Grace Goode
Tristan Potter-Hargrove

WAY TO GO HONOR ROLL STUDENTS

Cross Plains Elementary "A-B" Honor Roll for 4th - 6 Weeks

1st Grade

Jody Collier
Gus Culwell
Chris Ely
Kaitlyn Foster
Spade Koenig
Makayla Massey
Autum Nickerson
Haylee Nickerson
Alaina Potter
Rebecca Willis

2nd Grade

Trenton Barnett
River Bradley
Wade Byrd
Chelsea Gartman
Hayley Hughes
Makayla Key
Kinlee Mathews
Nicholas Meador
Kylie O'Briant
Roby Odom
Strait Oskins
Ketch Thomas
Keegan Tillery
Erin Townson

3rd Grade

Jared Armer
Destinee Cooper
Gabi Couture
Chloe Hollis
Keegan King
Savhanna Perez
Corey Proctor
Logan Proctor
Kaydence Smoot
Gavin Walters
Josh Wilson
Heather Yates

4th Grade

Paxton Byrd
Jacob Collier
Gage Connelly
Hannah Crockett
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Ashlyn Millican
Noah Millican
Brian Morales
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Trenton Potter
Keylee Sutton
Sterling Switzer

5th Grade

Wesley Alexander
Joseph Crockett
Creed Goode
Kaiden Petree
Sydney Revoir
Jonathan Sullivan
Sunbean Wahl
Aaron Willis
Dakota Willis

6th Grade

Steven Forbus
Alexis Mauricio
Ashton Parker
Devin Perez
Alicia Sanchez
Kersey Wyatt

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Cross Plains Junior High and High School "A" Honor Roll 4th - 6 Weeks

7th Grade

Colton Bradley
Rebekah Crockett

8th Grade

Taryn Estes
Megan France

9th Grade

Michael Carpenter
Tyler Henderson
Shelby Thomas

10th Grade

Cheyenne Cowan
Katharine Goode

11th Grade

Ryder Foster
Lauren Goode
Skyler Halsel
Mitulbhai Patel
Rosa Salazar
Zoie Walker

12th Grade

Delany Ames
Gavin Erickson
Justin Golsen
Joel Hinten
Shawna Lewis
Audra Mayfield
Dillon Whiteley
Savana Wyatt

Cross Plains Junior High and High School "A-B" Honor Roll 4th - 6 Weeks

7th Grade

Kelli Bennett
James Briggs
Teagan Fortune
Ashley Fulcher
Zachary Gartman
McKenzie Halsel
Brayden Kennedy
Debra Land
Shelby McWilliams
Meghan O'Briant
Billie Pointer
Kaitlyn Potter
Inez Salazar
Phoenix Sanders
Zachery Thompson

8th Grade

Natalie Anderson
Bronc Dillard
Brenna Kleiber
Kaitlyn Koettel
Morgan Manley
Bridgette Mayfield
Korbin McLean
Stephen Saltus
Ashton Self
Jurnee Thomas
Allanta Wheeler

9th Grade

Cutter Halsel
Michael Ramsey
Texas Sanders
Tristen Stephenson
Justin Willis
Angus Worcester

10th Grade

Dania Delgadillo
Ashleigh Dugger
Joe Holland
Blake Hutchins
Riley Lawrence
Gema Sanchez

11th Grade

Rachelle Allen
Jayten Ames
Shelby Ames
Charleen Avants
Desirea Campbell
Tiffany McCaghen
Hayley Phillips
Payton Porter
Cody Self
Chance Senclair
James Sullivan
Katherine Taff
Kristin Willis

12th Grade

Tru Avants
Kevin Baker
Patrick Border
Misty Bush
Ben Dugger
Cody Ford
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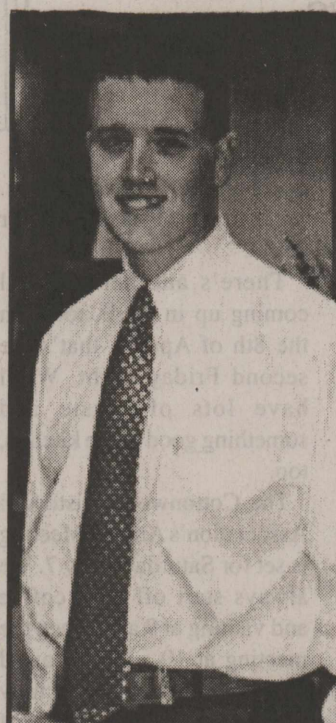
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Cross Plains Elementary G/T News

Nominations for student participation in gifted education are now being accepted for students in grades K-6. Parents and community members are invited to nominate any child they believe exhibits intellectual characteristics that exceed those normally seen in children of the same age.

You may nominate a child by coming to the elementary office and completing nomination forms. Any parent is welcome to come by the office and pick up a Parent Handbook on Gifted Education.

For information regarding gifted education, you may call Pat Stephens 254-725-6123.



Cross Plains and FFA program welcome student teacher —

James Sanderson, 24 and a senior Agricultural Services and Development major at Tarleton State University, arrived recently at Cross Plains High School and will be working with the students and teachers in the agricultural science and technology department and the FFA program for the next eleven weeks.

Sanderson is working under the guidance of cooperating teacher Mr. Marc Morgan to learn all aspects of a successful agricultural science and technology program at the high school level. Student Teacher Sanderson will strive to become proficient in teaching a variety of classes in the career and technical education area, as well as in assisting students with leadership development in the FFA organization and with career-focused experiential programs. Upon completion of the student teaching experience, Sanderson will return to Stephenville to participate in commencement exercises at Tarleton where he will earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Services and Development.



EARLY OUT AT 1:00 ON FRIDAY, MARCH 11TH FOR SPRING BREAK

Buses will run at 1:10

Spring Break March 14-18, 2011

Classes will resume on Monday, March 21st at regular time.

CROSS PLAINS SCHOOL MENU

MARCH 7 - MARCH 11

BREAKFAST

MONDAY- Breakfast Burrito, Fruit, Assorted Juice, and Milk
TUESDAY- P.B. & J. Sandwich, Fruit, Assorted Juice, and Milk
WEDNESDAY- Waffle Sticks, Sausage, Fruit, Assorted Juice, and Milk
THURSDAY - Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Assorted Juice, and Milk
FRIDAY- Donut, Yogurt, Fruit, Assorted Juice, and Milk

LUNCH

MONDAY- Pizza, Salad, Corn, Rosy-Applesauce and Milk
TUESDAY- Steak Fingers, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Peaches, and Milk
WEDNESDAY - Tacos, Salad, Pinto Beans, Fancy Gelatin and Milk
THURSDAY- Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Broccoli, Cheese Stick, Garlic Bread, Pears and Milk
FRIDAY-Submarine Sandwich, Salad, Pickle Spears, Baked Chips, Ice Cream and Milk

HAVE A GREAT WEEK!

Concerning Bad Weather Make Up Days at Cross Plains I.S.D.

Because of the lost instructional time during the five "bad weather days" back in early February, Cross Plains I.S.D. must make up

two of those days on April 22 and on May 13.

We will not have to make up the other three days due to a waiver

that was approved by the Texas Education Agency.

Submitted by Phil Mitchell Superintendent

Applications accepted statewide for Teachers' conservation institute

Applications are being taken for the 2011 Teachers' Conservation Institute. Sponsored by the Texas Forestry Association, the Teachers' Conservation Institute (TCI) is a week-long summer workshop which uses the forest as a theme for environmental education.

Activities are led by foresters, educators, natural resource conservationists and industry professionals.

TCI meets the requirements of the Professional Development Appraisal System. Teachers are eligible for 45 hours of SBEC credit, and 45 hours of TEAC credit. All

materials presented at TCI are correlated to TEKS and teaching strategies utilized are research-based and proven to improve students' achievement. TCI is field-based and provides opportunities for inquiry investigation.

TCI provides teachers with activities to meet requirement that 40% of science be taught in lab setting or field as stated by law and all activities are interdisciplinary. In addition, teachers receive certification in Project Learning Tree and Project WILD. This year marks the 22nd year of TCI.

Sessions will be held June 26-July 1, and July 10-15, 2011.

Registration is \$150 and includes all teaching materials and instruction, food, lodging and transportation during the workshop.

Participants are responsible for travel to and from the Piney Woods Conservation Center near Broadus, Texas (www.sfasu.edu/forestry/pwcc). To register for TCI, call (936) 632-TREE or download the brochure at www.texasforestry.org. Texas Forestry Association is the non-profit trade association representing over 3,000 members who grow, manage, harvest and process forest resources.

CROSS PLAINS BUFFALO BASEBALL 2011 (REVISED)

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	PLACE
Mar. 4 (Fri.)	4:30 pm	ACHS	There
Mar. 8 (Tues.)	5:00 pm	* Gorman	There
Mar. 10-11-12 (Thurs.- Sat.)	TBA	Ranger Tournament	
Mar. 18 (Fri.)	6:30 pm	* Goldthwaite	There
Mar. 22 (Tues.)	5:00 pm	* May	There
Mar. 25 (Fri.)	5:00 pm	* Huckaby	Home
Mar. 29 (Tues.)	5:00 pm	* Deleon	There
April 1 (Fri.)	5:00 pm	* Evant	Home
April 5 (Tues.)	5:00 pm	Gorman	Home
April 9 (Sat.)	1:00 pm	* Goldthwaite	Home
April 12 (Tues.)	5:00 pm	* May	Home
April 15 (Fri.)	5:00 pm	* Huckaby	Home
April 19 (Tues.)	5:00 pm	* Deleon	Home
April 22 (Fri.)	5:00 pm	* Evant	There

* Denotes District Games

Head Coach..... Mitchell Atchley 725-6121 School, 725-7137 Home, 254-631-6480 Cell
Asst. Coach..... Jesse Ellerbe
Ath. Director..... Brian Ramsey
Principal..... Diana Dobbins
Supt..... Phil Mitchell

KIWANIS PANCAKE SUPPER, THURSDAY, MARCH 10

Just one week away, on **Thursday night, March 10th.** — **YES, March 10!** is one of Cross Plains' great "Social Events" of each year — the **Kiwanis Pancake Supper!** It is the night for great food and great fellowship. The "suggested donation" for so much eating and fellowship is only \$5 per person, \$3 for those 12 and under. That's all the pancakes and sausage you can eat, along with tea, coffee or water. Where can you get a deal like that?! A serendipity is that you can take part in helping the Kiwanish with their many programs of help during the year,

too numerous to list but including, providing a Christmas program for the kids and the kids at heart each December. Members of the **Key Club of Cross Plains High School**, will be joining the Kiwanians in serving and helping to meet your every need. The date again for the Pancake Supper is Thursday night, **March 10th**, beginning at 5 p.m. continuing until 7 p.m. The place is at the Cross Plains School Cafeteria. Now this is only a few days away, so if you haven't purchased your ticket(s) yet, be sure and see a Kiwanian

and buy them now. Buy more than one ticket and bring a friend or two — maybe give one to someone whose budget is stretched too thin already. If you wait to pay at the door, you just might be talked into paying more and/or making a donation (in addition to the ticket) toward the projects that the Kiwanis Club helps toward throughout the year.

The Kiwanis Club of Cross Plains thanks you in advance for your support. See you at the Pancake Supper!!

Cross Plains Public Library Board Members Attend Workshop

The Cross Plains Public Library board members are certainly not resting on their laurels as the "Best Small Library In America" 2010 finalists! Last fall, board member Ginny Hoskins attended an all-day workshop on Erate funding, given by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) at Abilene.

"Erate" is a Federal program that reimburses schools and libraries part of their costs for telephone and internet service, and the library receives approximately \$1,250 per year through the program.

Then, two board members attended *All About Grants: Tips and Tools for Finding and Applying for Library Grants*, a workshop also sponsored by TSLAC. Board members Wilma Lawrence and Michelle Kaiser traveled to the Abilene Public Library where Jennifer Peters, Grants Administrator, Library Development Division of the TSLAC presented a 1-day workshop on the keys to successful grant-writing.

Highlights of the presentation were Finding Grant Opportunities, Writing Good Proposals, and Managing Your Grants.

The Cross Plains Public Library received 75 percent of its construction costs for the new building from grants, both private and public, so grant-writing is an important part of maintaining our operation, building and collections.

The remaining 25 percent comes from private donations from our friends and patrons for which we are very grateful! And, as a grant committee chairperson Michelle Kaiser explains, "In this struggling economy, it is even more difficult to obtain the limited funds available; thus it is imperative that we keep up-to-date on the latest trends and continue to educate ourselves regarding possible grantors." Virtually all of the library's computer equipment, shelving and furniture have been paid for with grants.

Then, board members Ann Beeler and Wilma Lawrence,

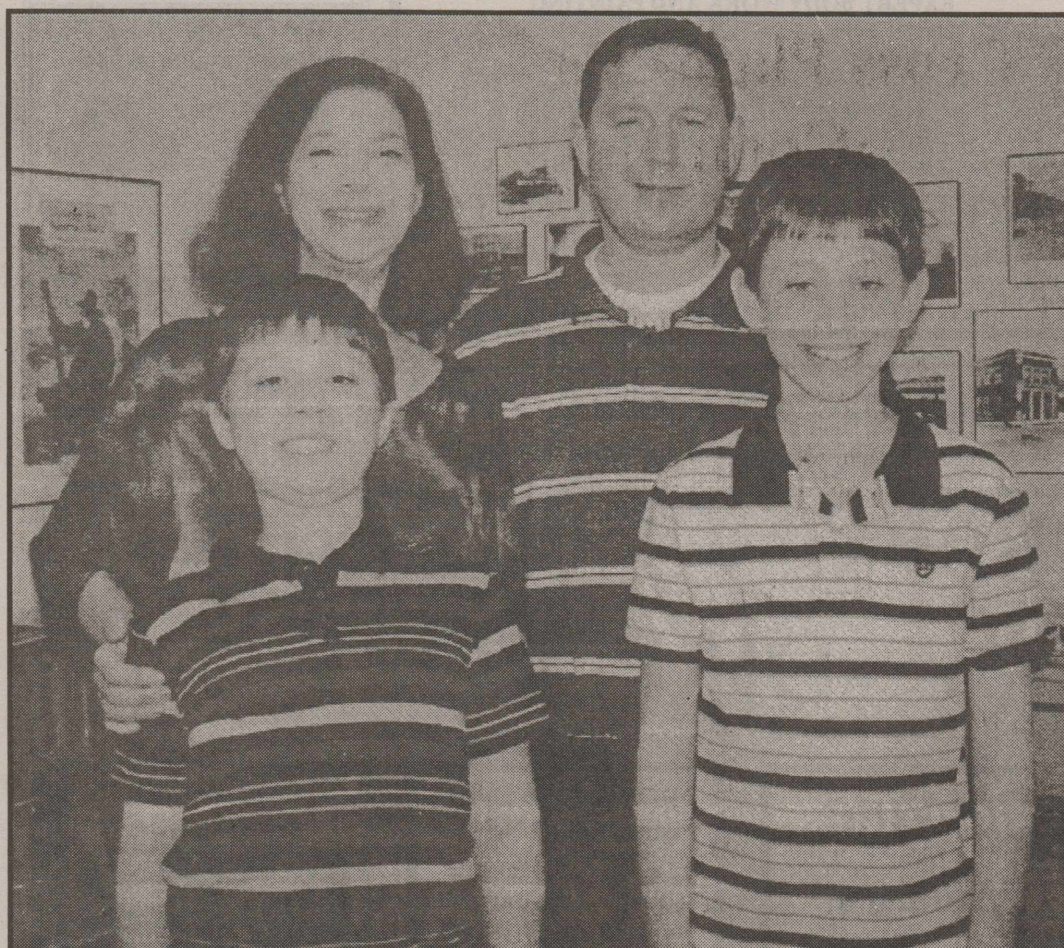
attended a workshop on digitization to determine the need for various area libraries to digitize their holdings such as microfilms, photos, old records, etc.

Our library would like to digitize the *Cross Plains Review* (currently on microfilm) some old church records given to us to hold, our oral histories, genealogy information, and the photos and records of the Cross Plains 2005 fire.

Through digitization, this information would be preserved for future generations and available to internet users for research. The workshop compiled data to assess the need of area libraries, in the hopes of pooling resources to cut costs. At present, the cost is prohibitive for rural libraries like ours to digitize their records.

In the future, your Cross Plains Public Library board members will continue to keep abreast of the opportunities offered to benefit our patrons.

Submitted by Michelle Kaiser



PRESIDENTS' DAY VISITORS —

Taking advantage of a long week-end with a federal holiday, the Sibley family from San Antonio opted to take a Texas back-yard trip. Ken is an attorney for the U.S. Air Force at Randolph AFB; Laura teaches aerobics while Spenser and Carter enjoyed the day out of school. After visiting some sites in Austin, they drove on up here and spent Sunday night at our 36 West Motel. Following breakfast at Jean's, they enjoyed a tour of the Robert E. Howard Museum. Ken has long been a fan of Howard's writings and was delighted to see where it all happened so many years ago. Loaded down with items from the Museum gift shop, the family went back to Jean's for lunch. One of the boys had spotted coconut cream pie on the menu and felt the pie would be a better souvenir than a t-shirt! Although the Library was closed for the holiday, arrangements were made for a special visit. The boys immediately curled up on the floor with a book, while their parents perused the Howard section and purchased a copy of one of Howard's original manuscripts. A pleasant outing for the Sibley's and a boost to the local economy - good combo.

CALLAHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE NEWS

CALLAHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE NEWS Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Ronda D. Cato, theft by check.

Tiffany L. Harp, theft by check.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Shelah R. McFadden, request for extension of probation granted.

James Farell Autrey, order extending probation granted.

Autumn S. Vaughn, motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.

Doug K. Widener, plea of guilty to assault, 6 month probation, \$1000 fine, \$314 court costs.

James R. Sansom, plea of guilty to theft by check, 2 year probation \$100 fine, \$314 court costs, \$1014.73 restitution.

Shaun Short, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Criminal Indictments

Jack Boehnlein, taking wild-life without consent.

Kevin Boehnlein, taking wild-life without consent.

Kenneth P. Knight, driving while intoxicated, 3rd or more.

Civil Filings

Benjamin Seth Fortune vs. Rachel Armanda Fortune, divorce.

Brittany Nichole Wood vs. Justin Henderson Wood, divorce.

Citibank (South Dakota) N.A. vs. Cody F. Carson, debt/contract.

Jo Ann Garza vs. Higinio Garza Jr., divorce.

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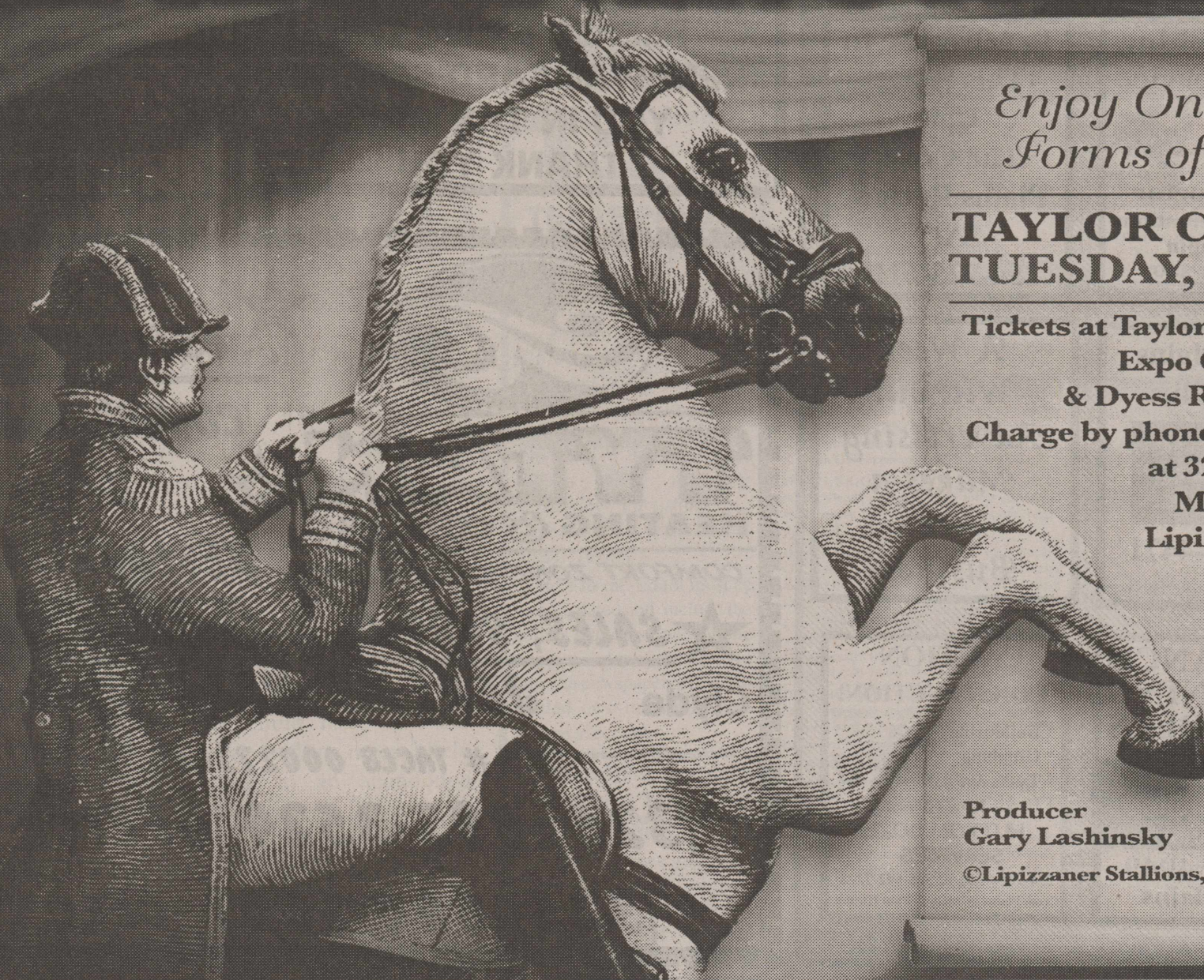
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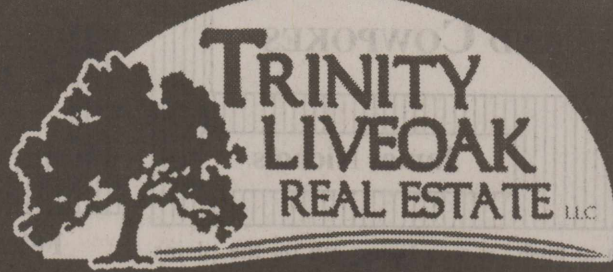
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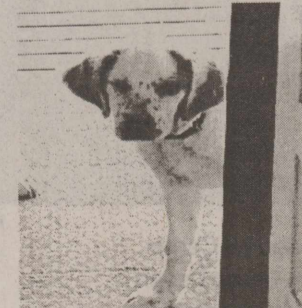
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OLD FOLKS AND COWPOKES

James Nichols

Before settlers began to push into the West in any great numbers, an estimated 50 to 60 million buffaloes freely roamed upon the great plains. However, after the Civil War that would change as more and more people moved westward.

New army posts were established and to supply the many soldiers, the army contracted with local men to supply buffalo meat to feed the troops.

At about the same time the Iron Horse was beginning to blaze a trail into the west and the construction people had to be fed, in addition to the need for food people back east were demanding buffalo hides for coats and lap robes.

All this happened when the economy was depressed after the Civil War. This put many more men to work earning a living as buffalo hunters.

Leavenworth, Kansas became the trade center for the hides and in later years the bones were gathered up and used to make fertilizer.

Armed with long range rifles like the Springfield .50-70, Remington Rolling Block .50-70 and the Sharps 1874 model .40-90, buffaloes could be brought down some 600 yards away. The hides brought as much as three dollars and the tongues 25 cents each. A man could earn

a nice living out on the plains hunting buffaloes.

Most buffalo hunters were in Oklahoma and the Indian territories. They always talked about how good buffalo tongue was to eat. In some places it became a delicacy in fine restaurants.

You placed the buffalo beef tongue into a kettle covered with cold water, add one tsp. salt, one small bay leaf, one medium sliced onion, one talk celery chopped and one large sprig of parsley. Cover, bring to a boil, reduce the heat and let simmer until tender. Allow one hour per pound. Remove the tongue from the stock and let cool. Strain and save the stock for gravy and soups. After the tongue has cooled, remove the skin, cut in diagonal slices and it makes about four servings per pound.

For a side dish, take two cans pork and beans, one can kidney beans, one can garbanzo beans or any other bean you like, drain the juice off of all (except the pork and beans) mix together and add a mixture of 3/4 cup ketchup, one to two tablespoons of mustard (depending on taste), 1/2 cup brown sugar, two to three tablespoons molasses and one tablespoon vinegar. Chop up one medium onion and pan fry with two to three slices of bacon cut up in about 1/4 inch pieces. Mix all together and heat until hot.

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

February 8, 2011

This was a regular meeting of the Cross Plains City Council. Members present were Mayor Ray Purvis, Lewis Fortune, Jerry Cassle, Bob Kirkham and Peg Terrell.

Employees present were Debbie Gosnell and Don Gosnell.

Mayor Purvis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Debbie Gosnell gave the invocation.

Mayor Purvis asked for citizen comment. None were received.

By general consent the minutes were approved as presented.

By general consent the police report was approved as presented. Gosnell updated the council on the status of the new patrol vehicle. He informed the council that delivery should be made sometime next week.

By general consent the judge's report was approved as presented.

Kirkham moved to approve the bills as presented. Fortune seconded and motion carried.

Kirkham moved to order the

May 14, 2011 Election. Cassle seconded and motion carried.

Terrell moved to have a joint election with the Cross Plains I.S.D. Fortune seconded and motion carried.

Kirkham moved to extend the early voting hours from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on May 9 and 10, 2011. Terrell seconded and motion carried.

Terrell moved to appoint Joyce McCoy as election judge. Cassle seconded and motion carried.

Lengthy discussion was held concerning the trailer house ordinance and the restrictions placed on mobile/motor homes within the city limits. By general consent the council left the ordinance as written.

Cassle moved to adjourn. Kirkham seconded and motion carried.

Ray Purvis, Mayor
ATTEST:
Debbie Gosnell,
Secretary

8-Cross Plains Review March 3, 2011

Callahan County Sheriff's Office Weekly Crime Report

REPORTED BY: RONNIE BROADUS
Communications Supervisor

taken and the case is still under investigation.

Other activity from 2/21/2011 thru 2/27/2011:
Total Calls by SO - 27
Total Booked in Callahan Co. Jail (all Agencies) - 6

Arrest Made by SO - 1
Assist Motorist - 0
Assist Other Agencies - 0
Calls to Citizens EMS - 28
Calls to Clyde PD - 16
Calls to DPS - 3
Calls to Baird City Marshal Office - 6

Calls to Eula F.D. - 0
Calls to Cross Plains EMS - 7
Calls to Cross Plains F.D. - 1
Calls to Clyde F.D. - 6
Calls to Cross Plains P.D. - 1
Calls to Baird F.D. - 2
Calls to Hamby F.D. - 1
Calls to Cottonwood F.D. - 1
Calls to Putnam F.D. - 2

The burn ban is back in effect. Please notify the Sheriff's Office if you see smoke. With the dry conditions fires can spread quickly and become very large.

2-22 8:02AM Received call on theft of copper wire. Deputy Bogart responded to the 900 blk. of CR 317. Approx. 1,000 foot of copper wire was taken. Case is still under investigation.

2-22 6:45PM Deputy Marlow responded to the 12000 blk. of CR 270 on a call of trash dumping. Trash and broken electronics were dumped. Case is still under investigation.

2-23 12:25PM Subject reported that his ATV was stolen from the 10000 blk. of CR 452. Information was taken and the case is still under investigation.

2-27 9:16AM Received a call in the 1000 blk. of PR 2431 of vandalism to a vehicle. Chief Deputy Collom responded finding the back glass and windshield broken. Report was

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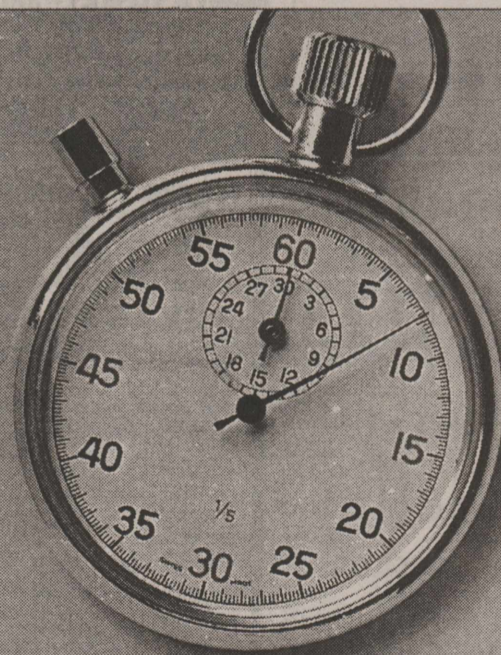
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Texas Heritage Bank Team —

(left to right) Jacky Thomas, David Estes, Sandra Jones, Recie Tatom and Roxie Thomas relax between rounds.



The Beta Sigma Phi Team —

(left to right) Paula Winfrey, Carolyn Morgan, Nora Odom, Wanda Merryman and Sue Neal take a break from the festivities.

Centennial Trivia Questions

ROUND 1

- When was Cross Plains founded?
 - January 12, 1910
 - January 12, 1911
 - January 11, 1912
 - March 20, 1992
- What was the other name for Turkey Creek?
 - Deer Creek
 - Cross Cut
 - Pecan Bayou
 - Greenbriar Creek
- The town moved to be near the _____.
 - military post
 - airport
 - railroad
 - state highway
- Higginbotham Brothers, when built in 1915, was the largest commercial building from _____.
 - Ft. Worth to El Paso
 - New Orleans to New Mexico
 - Comanche to Abilene
 - Dallas to Midland
- The original location of the town was near the present day _____.
 - City Hall
 - Main St. Pool & Surf
 - Subway
 - Treadway Park
- Who was the State Representative from C.P.?
 - Cliff Kirkham
 - Cecil A. Lotief
 - W.R. Wagner
 - Donald Strength
- On March 12, 1912, the mayor called a meeting of the city council to establish a _____.
 - dance hall
 - fire department
 - saloon
 - tax code.
- Which of these is NOT a former name for Texas Heritage Bank?
 - The Guaranty State Bank
 - The Bank of C.P.
 - First State Bank
 - Citizens State Bank
- _____, who established the Cross Plains Mercantile,
 - women
 - trees
 - hired hands
 - dogs.

ROUND 2

- The Cross Plains Buffaloes won Regionals to become State Finalists in baseball in what year?
 - 1998
 - 1999
 - 2000
 - 2001
- According to an ad in the *Review* in 1925, women could use _____ to help if they were "weak, run down, nervous, dizzy, insane, middle-aged and so needing to be carried over that "critical period", were having trouble having children, or wanted to avoid an operation.
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 - Laudanum
- The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce and Citizen's Bank, along with a group of individuals, hosted a reception on December 17, _____ upon the retirement of Ike Neal.
 - 1999
 - 2000
 - 2001
 - 2010
- The Cross Plains Garden Club was organized in what year?
 - 1930
 - 1940
 - 1950
 - 1960
- The Cross Plains Public Library opened its doors to the public in what year?
 - 1945
 - 1954
 - 1968
 - 1979
- Callahan County was formed by the Texas Legislature in what year?
 - 1858
 - 1870
 - 1890
 - 1930
- When did Jack Scott sell the *Cross Plains Review* to Jack McCarty?
 - 1944
 - 1951
 - 1957
 - 2004
- The railroad left C.P. in what year?
 - 1944
 - 1954
 - 1964
 - 2004
- Robert E. Howard wrote _____.
 - poetry
 - Conan books
 - short stories
 - all the above
- What event did the Volunteer Fire Department sponsor on August 26, 1921 as a fundraiser?
 - boxing march
 - fish fry
 - Sadie Hawkins dance
 - calf-roping
- Why did the Texas Rangers close McDonough Lake?
 - lake dried up in the drought of 1950's
 - due to immoral conduct of "midnight visitors"
 - due to tragic drowning of a 5-year old girl
 - the Governor wanted to host a private picnic there.
- Why was a petition circulated in 1922 asking the May, City Council and City Attorney to resign?
 - due to their open opposition of new prohibition laws
 - due to the passage of & attempt to enforce new sanitation laws
 - due to their "inappropriate behavior at an all-night legislative session
 - due to enactment & enforcement of the new property tax laws
- Who visited one of our local churches on September 15, 1922?
 - Billy Graham
 - Bonnie & Clyde
 - The Klu Klux Klan
 - Billy Sol Estes
- Margaret McNeel knew the story from her family that members of the Klu Klux Klan came to the First Baptist Church and went down front and put money into the collection plate and then left.
 - stagecoach
 - automobile
 - train
 - airplane
- There had been large amounts of rain and it was too muddy to drive to Baird, so they sent a small plane to get them.
 - Higginbotham Funeral Home
 - Dairy Queen
 - Liberty Theatre
 - City Drug
- What business had the first air-conditioner in C.P.?
 - Higginbotham Funeral Home
 - Dairy Queen
 - Liberty Theatre
 - City Drug
- When was the first driver's license issued in C.P.?
 - 1912
 - 1925
 - 1936
 - 1947
- What equipment was ordered and placed in the school gym in 1939?
 - skates and a hardwood floor for skating rink
 - basketballs and hoops for newly formed varsity team
 - soda fountain for the new concession stand
 - mats for gymnastics
- When did the school start serving hot lunches?
 - 1923
 - 1941
 - 1955
 - 2006

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- _____ installed a 20-ft. neon sign in Cross Plains in 1946, which was the largest electrical display sign in the county.
 - Higginbotham Funeral Home
 - Wilson's Cafe
 - Plains Theatre
 - Community Ice House
- What restaurant was NOT formerly located at the site of Mexico City Cafe?
 - Odom's
 - Sister's Cafe
 - Collum's
 - Nite & Day Cafe
- Where was the first Lawrence owned feed store located in Cross Plains?
 - where the Community Ice House was located
 - where The Branding Iron Meat Market is located
 - where Tim's Floral is located
 - where Potter's Game Table is located
- Which event occurred BEFORE Troy Crockett was born?
 - C.P. was incorporated
 - railroad came to C.P.
 - Connie's Cuts and Curls established
 - the first annual community picnic was held
- Which business opened in November 1965?
 - Super S Foods
 - Cross Plains Grain & Peanut
 - Johnson's Dry Goods
 - C.P. Frozen Foods
- Prior to 1926, Jim McMillan would alert townspeople of a fire by _____.
 - firing his gun in the air
 - blasting the siren on bank building
 - ringing church bell
 - shooting fireworks
- What year was James Alexander hired as football coach of C.P.H.S.?
 - 1948
 - 1953
 - 1958
 - 1973
- At the time of the railroad arrival in 1911, C.P.'s population was scarcely _____ in the boom days, it was estimated to be over _____.
 - 50/5,000
 - 100/3,000
 - 200/5,000
 - 800/3,000
- An earlier name of the town on Turkey Creek was from the name of _____.
 - Henry Treadway
 - Tom Turkey
 - Schleicher Von Krause
 - Gustave Schleicher
- Which C.P. bank failed during the Depression, never to reopen?
 - Texas Heritage Bank
 - The Bank of Baird
 - First Guaranty Bank of C.P.
 - The Farmers National Bank
- Legend has it that C.P. was called _____ and _____ before it was incorporated.
 - Turkey-Creek and Cross Timbers
 - Turkey Creek and Schleicher
 - Schleicher and Treadway
 - Treadway and Turkey Creek
- C.P. Public Library was named as a 2010 finalist in *Library Journal's* "Best Small Library in _____ Award.
 - America
 - Texas
 - Callahan County
 - Cross Plains



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Happy 79th Birthday to Bill Pancake —

Bill Pancake (middle) enjoys his Birthday Celebration with family and friends, Ike Neal (left), and Jack Pancake (right.)

Well hello to everyone. We have had a couple of busy weeks. The residents are trying to find out if it is still winter or if spring has come early. They can't really tell—can you? It is a wonder we are not all so sick but we are really doing well here.

What a great "Meal of the Month" we had. It was chicken fajitas with all the trimmings including guacamole, all of the veggies, etc. We get to pick the dessert and this time it was cherry cobbler. The kitchen really out did themselves on the entire meal. The residents enjoyed picking out the meal. It can get kind of crazy with suggestions, but we always end up with a pretty good meal.

We also had President's Day. What a wonder it is to read about all of the different Presidents and their ways. Did you know that Abraham Lincoln was a postmaster for the area in which he lived? Or that Woodrow Wilson coached the football team at Wesleyan University? It was a fun day.

We also had our Country Store last Wednesday. I tell you what, these people may be in a nursing home but they did not lose their touch for buying. We were almost cleaned out again this month. The more we put out to buy, the more they buy. They do enjoy the store.

Then on Friday they had their monthly Resident Birthday Party. We had a blast! We had three birthdays this month and all of them were men. Wesley Stewart, Bill Pancake and Chas Chastain

Happy Birthday!



Happy 83rd Birthday To Wesley Stewart —

Wesley Stewart enjoying his Birthday at Rising Star.

celebrated a birthday in February. Paula Region was the employee birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Overman also celebrated their 73rd wedding anniversary with

the party. We had cake and ice cream, singing and just a really great time. Well, that is about all for now. So till next time, may God bless and keep you.

Texas cattlemen gather in Austin to strengthen private property rights in Texas

Austin, Texas - Property rights were among the topics of discussion at the state capitol today for members of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) and the Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA) who met with state lawmakers to discuss issues critical to landowners and the cattle industry. "There are a number of state laws being proposed that could drastically affect landowners across the state," said Dave Scott, rancher and TSCRA president.

"The battle over certain private property rights, including groundwater, tops the list." Landowners strongly support Senate Bill (SB) 332, a bill that would clarify that landowners own the groundwater beneath their land, and that they have a right to capture it. Although the Texas Supreme Court has consistently said that landowners have an ownership interest in the groundwater below their land, some groundwater conservation districts (GCDs) have argued

that landowners do not have any right to the groundwater below their land. "If landowners have no rights in the groundwater below their land, then the state can take it away, and a landowner has no way to stop them. SB 332 protects landowners' rights in groundwater by making sure groundwater is a legally protected property right," Scott said.

•SB 332 amends the Texas Water Code by clarifying what the ownership and rights of landowners are in regards to the groundwater beneath their land.

• SB 332 in no way would take away authority from the GCDs to protect the aquifer.

• SB 332 would, however, require GCDs to justify their actions when regulating the right to capture groundwater. Texas cattlemen should contact their state senators and ask them to support SB 332.

Texas cattlemen also support SB 18, commonly known as the eminent domain bill. SB 18 would reform Texas eminent

domain laws to better protect private property rights of landowners.

• SB 18 unanimously passed the Senate but still must pass the House. Landowners are encouraged to call their state representatives and ask them to support SB 18 with no amendments.

For more details and a complete list of issues, please visit www.tscra.org.

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association is a 134-year-old trade organization. As the largest and oldest livestock association in Texas, TSCRA represents more than 15,000 beef cattle producers, ranching families and businesses who manage approximately 4 million head of cattle on 51.5 million acres of range and pasture land, primarily in Texas and Oklahoma. TSCRA provides law enforcement and livestock inspection services, legislative and regulatory advocacy, industry news and information, insurance services and educational opportunities for its members and the industry.

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Cross Plains' retail sales in 2011 are 11% higher

The City of Cross Plains' one percent city sales tax payments in 2011 are up by over eleven percent, according to the Texas State Comptroller's office.

Texas State Comptroller Susan Combs reported the city's sales tax payment on Wednesday, February 9th.

Cross Plains' 2011 sales tax payments for the year totaled \$36,532.52, which is 11.24 percent higher than the \$32,838.66 in sales tax rebate payments collected in 2010.

The payment to the city for February 2011 was \$20,680.91, which is 12.29 percent higher than the payment in February 2010 of \$18,417.34.

Comptroller Susan Combs announced today, Wednesday, February 9th, the state's sales tax revenue in January was \$1.83 billion, an increase of 10.4 percent compared to January 2010.

"Sales tax revenues have now improved for the last ten months, reflecting increased activity in almost all major economic sectors," Combs said. "The strongest growth was from sectors fueled by business spending, such as oil and gas activity. Tax collections from retail trade were also up."

Combs will send \$654.8 million in local sales tax to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 5.9 percent compared to sales tax distributions to local governments in February 2010.

January state sales tax collections and February's local sales tax allocations represent sales made in December, and also include earlier sales by businesses that report sales tax to the Comptroller on a quarterly or annual basis.

The Comptroller will send \$440.3 million in sales tax to Texas cities, up 5.4 percent compared to February 2010 payments. Texas counties will receive February sales tax payments of \$39.7 million, up 13.1 percent compared to last February.

The 175 special purpose taxing districts around the state will get \$28.6 million in sales tax, up 16.1 percent compared to February 2010. Ten local transit systems will receive \$146 million in February sales tax payments, up 3.8 percent compared to a year ago.

For details of February sales tax payments to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Re-

CROSS PLAINS SALES TAX PAYMENTS		
	2010	2011
Total yearly sales tax payments	\$32,838.66	\$36,532.52
Total monthly sales tax payments	\$18,417.34	\$20,680.91

ports on the Comptroller's Web site at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html.

The Comptroller's March sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, March 11th.

Other Callahan County towns reporting sales tax payments include:

—The City of Baird reported that sales tax payments in 2011 started the year 27.21 percent higher than the 2010 payments. The city has received \$24,903.97 in 2010, while the 2011 tax payments to the city totaled \$19,576.69.

Baird's monthly payment for February 2011 was \$16,066.08, which is 38.59 percent ahead of the \$11,592.30 payment made in February 2010.

—The 2011 sales tax payments in the City of Clyde are 8.47 percent higher than the payments made to the city in 2010. The sales tax rebates for the City of Clyde have amounted to \$87,095.90 in 2011. The 2010 payments to the city during the same payment period were \$79,719.55.

The City of Clyde's monthly payment for February 2011 was \$56,244.51, which is 5.99 percent higher than the \$52,873.39 payment reported to the city in 2010.

—The City of Putnam reported the 2011 payments to the town totaled \$2,435.51, down 17.43 percent from the 2010 payments to the city in the amount of \$2,949.73.

Putnam's tax payment for the month of February 2011 was \$1,322.94, which is 16.84 percent lower than the payment made in February 2010 of \$1,590.84.

Countywide, sales tax payments for 2011 in Callahan County are higher by 10.52 percent compared to the 2010 payments in the county. Callahan County towns received sales tax payments in 2011

amounting to \$150,976.90 while the 2010 payments to the county towns totaled \$135,084.63.

The tax rebates in Callahan County for the month of February 2011 were \$94,314.44, up 10.43 percent ahead of the \$84,473.87 in payments made in February 2010.

Merchants collect the state and local sales tax and send it to the Comptroller's office with their tax returns. The state keeps its 6 1/4 percent share and returns the local one percent sales tax each month to the local governments. Cities and counties may levy a combined tax of up to two percent above the state's sales tax.

Clyde businesses collect 2.00 percent, including one percent for the City of Clyde, one-half of one percent for the Clyde Economic Development Corporation and one-half of one percent to reduce property taxes (Proceeds to benefit the Clyde Volunteer Fire Department).

Cross Plains collects 2.00 percent in local sales taxes, of which 1.00 percent is allocated to the city and 1.00 percent is allocated for economic development in the town.

Baird collects 1.50 percent in local sales tax of which 1.00 percent is allocated to the city and 0.50 percent allocated to the community's economic development corporation.

Putnam collects 1.00 percent in local sales tax of which all 1.00 percent is allocated to the city.

All local sales taxes must be approved by local voters and may be used for any legal city or county expenses. Most areas put the money in their General Fund and use it for normal operations like fire fighting, maintaining roads and law enforcement, the Comptroller said. Some cities use up to an additional one percent city sales tax to help fund local economic development and to reduce property taxes.

Farm credit bank reports record earnings and patronage

AUSTIN, Texas — Farm Credit Bank of Texas (FCBT), a cooperatively owned wholesale funding bank, reported record earnings for 2010, which allowed the bank to pay a record patronage to its owners last year.

The Austin-based bank had \$168.5 million in net income for the year ended Dec. 31, 2010, a 58 percent increase over 2009 income and its highest earnings since it was established in 1916. Net interest income of \$212.5 million for 2010 was up 25.6 percent over the previous year.

"We are extremely pleased with how well the bank performed in 2010, considering we were dealing with the residual effects of a significant economic downturn the previous two years," said Larry Doyle, FCBT chief executive officer. "We attribute our strong earnings largely to careful management of the bank's liabilities, which involved calling high-cost debt and replacing it with lower-cost debt."

The bank shared its success with its customer-owners by distributing \$76.1 million in patronage to them. The patronage payment had the effect of reducing the 17 rural

financing cooperatives' net cost of borrowing to less than the bank's costs of funds.

"We believe in the cooperative business model and the benefits it provides to our owners," said Ralph W. Cortese, FCBT board chairman. "Through this patronage payment, the bank demonstrated its commitment to provide our affiliated lending cooperatives with the lowest possible cost of funds. We want them to be competitive in their markets, because ultimately their success benefits the farmers, ranchers and rural citizens they serve."

The bank showed significant improvement in two key results areas. Return on average assets and return on average shareholders' equity for the year ended Dec. 31, 2010, increased to 1.20 and 16.78 percent, respectively, from 0.74 and 13.07 percent, respectively, for the year ended Dec. 31, 2009.

Loans outstanding totaled \$10.5 billion at Dec. 31, 2010, compared with \$11.0 billion a year earlier. This 5.2 percent decrease in the loan portfolio from 2009 to 2010 was attributed to reduced borrowing by the bank's affiliated lending cooperatives,

offset by a slight increase in its participation loan portfolio and other loans. The demand for funding by the local lending cooperatives decreased in 2010 as a result of general economic conditions, which have resulted in a decline in demand for rural real estate and enhanced credit standards.

FCBT assets totaled \$14.1 billion at Dec. 31, 2010, compared with \$13.8 billion a year earlier.

The bank and its 17 affiliated rural lending cooperatives in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico and Texas together comprise the Texas Farm Credit District. On Dec. 31, 2010, the district reported record net income of \$275.3 million for the year and a \$15.6 billion loan portfolio. District assets totaled \$19.6 billion at year-end 2010.

Farm Credit Bank of Texas is part of the Farm Credit System, the nation's oldest and largest source of financing for agriculture and rural America.

The System reported combined net income of \$3.495 billion at Dec. 31, 2010, compared with net income of \$2.850 billion the previous year.

Cross Timbers Association BIBLE CONFERENCE



Hosted at: Pioneer Baptist Church
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Sunday, March 6th - 7:00 pm - Poor in Spirit by Jody Forbus (Carbon)

Those who Mourn by Richard Watson (Gorman)

Monday, March 7th - Association Executive Board Meeting at 5:30 pm,

Supper served at 6:00 pm, 7:00 pm - Meek by Keith Clower (Sweetwater)

- Hunger & Thirst by Chuck Reynolds (Abilene)

Tuesday, March 8th - 7:00 pm - Merciful by Bill Armstrong (Nimrod),

Pure in heart by Ellis J. Villarreal (Brownwood)

Wednesday, March 9th - 7:00 pm - Peacemakers by Baylis Pope (Pleasant Hill), - Persecuted by Billy Smith (Pioneer)

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JOSH CONSTANCIO DISCUSSES AMA TECTEL'S SUCCESS AND LOCAL COMMUNITY FOCUS

Josh Constancio, who joined AMA TechTel in June 2010 as market manager for Cross Plains, Rising Star, and May, announced local sales results today, saying, "Community response to the competitive telephone and internet offerings from AMA TechTel has been overwhelming: we are at present serving more than one home in five in Rising Star and more than one home in six in Cross Plains." The company is planning to hire additional local staff to keep up with the growing demand.

AMA TechTel is a communications company that combines the latest telephone and broadband internet technology with old-fashioned business practices and ethics to serve rural communities in central and western Texas. The company serves more than thirty thousand customers in more than fifty communities, operates one of the largest wireless networks in the country, and has pioneered simplicity and honesty in the billing of communications service.

After construction of a new

digital network to serve the area and extensive staff training, AMA began offering service to local customers in October. "AMA believes in hiring from the communities it serves," says Constancio. "While most companies are centralizing to save money, AMA is putting sales, support, and community relations positions as close to its customers as possible." He is quick to credit his local engineering team for optimizing the new network and for making sure that the installation process is quick and effortless for customers.

The company believes that investing in the local community will deliver long-term success. If results so far are any indication, then AMA TechTel will quickly become the dominant provider of communications services for our community. "As a part of our commitment to the community, we provide free service to the Volunteer Fire Departments, the city halls, and the police stations in May, Rising Star, and Cross Plains, as well as the Cross Plains EMS. We also donated

five large turkeys to the senior citizen center, which provides meals to Cross Plains and May seniors at Thanksgiving. "Josh is tight-lipped about the details of the company's charitable plans for 2011, but he did say that its budget includes substantial contributions to local events and organizations. "Our goal is to be a part of the community while offering home phone service and high-speed internet at a reasonable price."

Constancio is a member of the Rising Star Volunteer Fire Department where he has served for fifteen years, currently as chief. He is a 1996 graduate of Rising Star High School and has lived in the region for most of his life. His office is in the AMA office in Rising Star, where he is available most mornings. He also can be reached by phone at 254-433-2757. "If anyone would like information about AMA TechTel's service, or even if you just want someone to explain your current phone bill, feel free to call or come see me," Constancio said.

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"Meet the Author" Features Pioneer Resident Ed Walt

Cross Plains Public Library is excited to have retired Dallas police captain and Pioneer resident Ed Walt as the next featured guest of their "Meet the Author" series to be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the library's conference room.

Walt is a sixth generation Texan who was born in Fannin County and grew up on the family farm there. He joined the Dallas Police Department in 1967 and began a thirty-three year career where he obtained the rank of Captain and commanded divisions in Vice, Narcotics, Tactical, Intelligence, Special Investigations and General Investigations. He graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington, the FBI

National Academy, the Southwestern Law Enforcement Institute and the U.S. Secret Service School of Dignitary Protection.

In 2000 he retired from the police department and his wife, Carol, retired from a 32-year career with Child Protective Services. Upon retirement, they purchased a ranch in the Pioneer area where they now write and raise cattle. Carol is the author of six books ranging from novels and short stories to a children's book.

The Hall Street Shoot-Out: A True Story of the Dallas Police Department's Biggest Gun Battle is Ed Walt's first book and is an account of an incident which occurred when he was a twenty-

four-year-old patrolman. He responded to a fellow officer's call for help, and became involved in a gun battle that would grow to involved over a hundred officers and result in the shooting of ten people, including a TV reporter and four officers. It was, in terms of duration, number of combatants involved, shots fired and person shot, the biggest gun battle in the department's 130-year history.

Mark your calendars and join us for an exciting evening. Copies of his book are available for purchase at the library and Walt will be glad to autograph them that evening. Refreshments will be served afterward.

Submitted by Michelle Kaiser

Callahan County Predator Control Association Meeting set for March 24th

Tom Windham, President of the Callahan County Predator Control Association would like to invite all association members, Callahan County landowners, and tenants to attend a meeting to be held on March 24, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Callahan County Extension Office, located on the 2nd floor of the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird. This meeting is open to anyone interested in predator control within the county. The objective of this meeting is to update residents on the

Predator control activities within the county.

We are still accepting membership into the Association and the Annual Membership fees are \$50 plus .10 (10 cents) per acre.

If you would like to join the Association, you may come by the Extension Office in Baird to turn in your acreage and pay membership dues. If you have any questions about this program please contact the Extension Office at 325-854-5835.

Scranton Musical set for Saturday

The Scranton Musical will be Saturday, March 5, 2011 at the Scranton Community Center.

The kitchen opens at 5:30 p.m. Ann Etta Dunning is the hostess with Sarah Matthews helping. The special is chopped brisket sandwich, chips and a fruit cup. Sandwiches and homemade pies will also be available.

The music begins at 6:00 p.m. with Mark Ray as emcee. All area musicians are invited to play. You may call 325-692-2057 to reserve a time for your group.

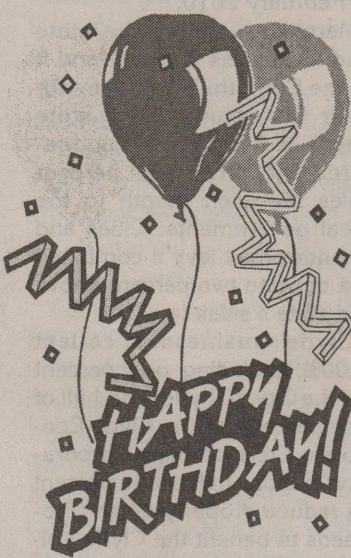
Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from February 20, 2011 through February 26, 2011 include:

Cases Investigated
Warnings—154
Complaints—61
Fugitive Arrest-Possession of a Controlled Substance—1
Vehicle Accidents

There was one vehicle accident investigated during this time span.

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Butch Webb
Mrs. Hiram Brooks
Ruth (Burlson) Hutchins
Dickie Gilland
Vicki Reed
Elene Reyes
Jonathan Clare
Richard Milder
Jamie Cole
Clayton Hance Bonner

MARCH 7

Billy Black
Diane Bowden
Deana Terstegge
Juanita Free
Carl Corley
Ann Holland
Shelly Gray

MARCH 8

Jane Bonner
Dee Ann (Copping) Key
Jerril Whiteside
Jennifer Johnston
Betty P. Bean
Paula (Allen) Keeney
Cameron Taylor Hilburn
Adrian Leon Slaymaker
David Melder
Ella Lee

MARCH 10

Don Crouch
Rainey Blue Bacon
Gloria Peninger
Jerry Wayne Calhoun
Carl David Scott
Glenda (Gould) Callaway
Duane Thomas

MARCH 11

Scott Wyatt
Darrell Smithson
Mrs. J.T. Sheppard
Amanda Goble
Jimmy Gattis
Vickie Hargrove Burkhalter
Amber Denee Jennings
Ronnie Gene Gregory
Brenda Simpson
Trudy Rea (Newman) Burks

MARCH 12

Sean Conway
Misty (Kelly) Yates
James Wilson
Charley Wright
Linda Sheppard
Michael Wayne Teague
Billy Faye Graham
Tammy Jean Riffe
Mrs. George Hoover

Commissioners approve passed Jail Inspection

The Callahan County Commissioners commended the County Sheriff and the Sheriff's Department staff for the Callahan County Jail passing inspection during a brief commissioners' court meeting held Monday, February 28th.

Judge Roger Corn, on behalf of the commissioners' court, commended Sheriff John Windham and his staff for being in compliance and passing the Jail Inspection on Wednesday, February 16, 2011.

Commissioner Harold Hicks made a motion to approve the Jail Inspection. Commissioner Cliff Kirkham seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—Callahan County Judge Roger Corn called the commissioners' court meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. with Precinct #1 Commissioner Harold Hicks, Precinct #2 Commissioner Bryan Farmer, Precinct #3 Commissioner Tom Windham, and Precinct #4 Commissioner Cliff Kirkham present. Also present at the meeting were Donna Bell, County Clerk, and County Treasurer Dianne Gunter.

—The commissioners' court

meeting minutes from the previous meetings were reviewed and signed.

—Under public comments, there were none.

—No action was taken on the Countywide Burn Ban. The Burn Ban remains in effect.

—Commissioner Kirkham made the motion to sign the Hazard Mitigation Agreement to participate in the West Texas Council of Governments (WTCOG) Regional Plan Update. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Ed Bogart presented the Sheriff's 2010 Racial Profiling Report to the commissioners' court. Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve the report and Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to pay the approved bills. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 10:01 a.m. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Grand Ole Oplin March line-up announced

The Oplin Community Center wants to invite everyone out to the Grand Ole Oplin each Friday evening. Our band line-up for the month of March begins with Muddy Creek joining us on March 4th playing all of your country favorites, on March 11th Country Classics will be here playing the kind of music that makes you want to get up and dance, on March 18th Jack Rosser will be joining us playing all your favorite two-steps and waltzes and on March 25th Muddy Creek will be back playing some more of your country favorites.

hosted by the Oplin Community Center and is located at the intersection of F.M. 604 S. and F.M. 2926. Our Friday night dances begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at 10:30 p.m. Admission to our dances is still only \$5.00 per person. Alcohol and smoking is not allowed at any of our functions. Everyone is invited to bring a snack to be enjoyed by all during the band's break.

So gather the family and all of your friends and come on out to the Grand Ole Oplin for an evening of good music, good friends and a real good time.

The Grand Ole Oplin is Submitted by: Pam Rumfield

Cross Plains Cemetery Association

Meeting Thursday, March 10th at 5:30 P.M. at Texas Heritage Bank Community Room

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